

HOUSE BILL 371

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Stem Cell Research Fund – Sickle Cell Disease – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain percentage of a certain appropriation to the
4 Stem Cell Research Fund to be designated for research using adult stem cells to
5 treat adults with sickle cell disease beginning in a certain fiscal year; and
6 generally relating to the Stem Cell Research Fund and sickle cell disease.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Economic Development
9 Section 10–434
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2008 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Economic Development**

15 10–434.

16 (a) There is a Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund.

17 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to promote State–funded stem cell research
18 and cures through grants and loans to public and private entities in the State.

19 (c) The Corporation shall administer the Fund.

20 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to
21 reversion under § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller
2 shall account for the Fund.

3 (e) The Fund consists of:

4 (1) appropriations as provided in the State budget; and

5 (2) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of
6 the Fund.

7 (f) Money in the Fund may only be used to:

8 (1) award grants and loans for State-funded stem cell research, in
9 accordance with the recommendations of the Commission;

10 (2) award grants and loans for facilities, capital leases, and capital
11 equipment where State-funded stem cell research is conducted, in accordance with the
12 recommendations of the Commission; and

13 (3) pay the costs necessary to administer the Fund.

14 (g) (1) The Treasurer shall invest the money in the Fund in the same
15 manner as other State money may be invested.

16 (2) Any investment earnings shall be paid into the Fund.

17 (h) (1) **(I)** The Governor may include in the State budget bill each
18 fiscal year an appropriation to the Fund.

19 **(II) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2012, AT LEAST 5% OF ANY**
20 **APPROPRIATION MADE BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**
21 **PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DESIGNATED FOR RESEARCH USING ADULT STEM CELLS**
22 **TO TREAT ADULTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE.**

23 (2) Expenditures from the Fund may only be made in accordance with
24 an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the State budget or by an
25 approved budget amendment.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2010.